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2. THAT I am listed as a co-author, along with the above-named inventors on the following publication:

Tsuda, Makoto et al., "P2X₄ receptors induced in spinal microglia gate tactile allodynia after nerve injury", Nature, (2003), 424: 778-783.

3. THAT I confirm that, with respect to each and every oral and written disclosure set out above, I learned or received knowledge about the invention from the above named inventors, that I am not a co-inventor of the subject matter of the above identified invention, that I merely was involved in respect of the invention to carry out assignments and work under the supervision and direction of the inventors, and that I was merely listed as coauthor in order to receive credit for having collaborated in the research program under the above named inventor's direction.

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